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OLD FATHER PETERS.

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Het Magoone was the leader of the desperadoes of that band that had come to the conclusion that Father Peters was a dis. Abolitionist, and as this to their brutal and ignorant minds was the greatest crime of which any man could be guilty, they could not receive with respect the religious teachings of the old man. It was known that Het Magoone's hatred was due to the fact that Miss Peters had rejected his advances, and that her father insisted that the ruffian should cease his visits. Despite the disparagement of these rebuffs the fellow would have kept on had not strong Dick Bradley let him to one side one day and told him with much of his old-time vigor of speech that if he did not keep away from Father Peters' house he, Dick Bradley, would consider it his duty to lay him out," preliminary to what he would "break his neck like a pipestem."

This particular Sunday morning Het Magoone was excited about like a man who felt himself to be master of the situation and wished others to acknowledge the fact. He stood in the meeting house door and with much profanity scanned the salutations to the newcomers. When the clergyman and his wife arrived he was thought that Het Magoone would bar their entrance. This was evidently his purpose, as he afterward confessed, but the appearance of Dick Bradley on the scene induced him to postpone action.

Father Peters walked back to the little platform at the farther end of the meeting house and here, as was his custom in the church, he knelt for silent prayer. A few of the congregation went through the form of following his example.

As but few of the congregation had hymn books were not used. The clergyman read out a hymn two lines at a time and the singing that followed, in which Ella Peters and her mother tried to lead, was not a very high order of musical merit. Father Peters adjusted his glasses, cleared his throat and was about to announce the hymn when Het Magoone stood up near the door and called out:

"Hold on, thar, Father Peters!"

What is it?" asked the astonished pastor.

"Afore you uns kem do any meah prayin' in these yar hills we uns'd like to know just how yo' stand," and Het Magoone pulled his rifle as a mother pulls her baby.

"I am about to offer an extraordinary petition to the throne of God," said the clergyman imperiously, but with dignity.

"Ye'll not," thundered Het Magoone, and there fear is most stormy times, as you should ought ter know. Now Father Peters I want you to answer me some questions, be ye willin'?"

I cannot be otherwise."

Hain't ye a Yankee?" this with a wink to his friends.

I was born north of the Ohio, if that is what you mean," said the old man, with spirit. "I suppose I am one."

Waal, I couldn't a denied hit with-out lyin'. Now some of we uns hez been taken this evenin' and we allows that ye is a cussed sight too much of a scrouge to play the hypocrite in."

I don't follow you," said the old man, his voice trembling with the trembling with age. "God is my judge I have no wish to offend you, and little one more do I desire to be the instrument of your displeasure. What, I pray you, have I done that is not known——"

Waal, I'll tell ye," interrupted Het Magoone, and the crowd shocked even his companions. "I am not a black Republican. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to say that in the last election within my memory has I failed to cast a vote in Laurel County, Kentucky.

It was the cause of the wolf and the lamb over again. Het Magoone had made preparations to cry and humiliate Father Peters and the fact that he had not the slightest ground for his attack had not the slightest effect from his purpose.

"I voted the Republican ticket —— time I had a chance," shouted Magoone with the manner of a man about to give a card that could not be beaten. "Hain't ye for the Union?"

Without a moment's hesitation Father Peters replied:

I am a citizen of Kentucky, and as Kentucky is still in the Union I must be a Unionist.

"But if we be Kentucky was to secede, would ye be a Union man then?"

Defending my strength, I would," was the fervent response.

Waal, then I tell you uns he was a Union and a man that's for the Union is a black Republican and a Abolitionist," shouted Het Magoone.

"And I say that's a d——d lie!"

That there might be no mistake as to the man who had given expression to this forcible opinion, Strong Dick Bradley got up, and with his right hand drawn back under his coat, a gesture which drew the children present under the bench, he walked over and stood beside the preacher.

The shouting now became very nervous, and many of the men turned ashy pale and stole toward the door.

"Dick Bradley, this ain't no sarcus o' yourn," said Het Magoone, but his brutal bearing was toned down and there was that in the eyes and the movements of the thick lips that told he was not pleased with the bearing of the blacksmith. But gaining confidence as he remembered that two-thirds of the sixty-nine present were his partisans, he continued: "We uns who's fo' the south am wait to get even with you uns who's fo' the Union. That's plenty of time to settle them things, but what we want now is to get rid of a man from the north who comes down here ez a spy and purveyin that hit is God Almighty's religion. Father Peters, you're preached yo'r last sarmint in these har hills."

Who says so?" demanded Bradley.

"We uns."

"And who's you uns?"

Me and my friends."

Neither yo' nor yo'r friends owns a splinter of this house, from foundation log to clapboard hit's owned by the man ez built hit—the man ez kem down heah to lead us to do right—but that's some men so give over to sin, Het Magoone among 'em, that they're bound to be damned, and I'm mighty glad of hit. Now you uns that don't want to heah Father Peters preach is free to leave. But by G——d, the next man that tries to break up our worship will find himself nestlin a ball now top to his head!"

Strong Dick Bradley, although using this strong language, appeared to be the coolest man in the meeting house; but there was no one in the hearing of his voice who did not know that he was making no idle threat. Motioning to his friends to follow him, Magoone strode out of the house and a meeting was held at the door. The preacher and his followers were denounced in language of unquestionable vigor, every word of which could be heard inside, and men who had through years received favors at the old man's hands threatened that if he did not leave the mountains at once they would hang him.

But even those who remained back with Father Peters were in no mood for devotion. They saw that the dreaded time had come, and that from this day on till the end the old friends, neighbors and kinsmen must stand face to face in a life and death struggle.

At Mrs. Peters' suggestion her husband's friends left the church and gathered in the study, but even here they could hear the shouting and the swearing, punctuated now and then by the startling discharge of pistols.

Following the old man's example all who could crowd into the little room knelt down, and all those who could not knelt down within hearing outside. As Father Peters called on heaven for help and light the men and women, with eyes closed and bodies swaying, wrought themselves up to a state of camp meeting excitement till at length the appeals of the preacher were drowned in shouts of "Hallelujah!" "Glory to God!" "Send down the light, O Mastah!" "Amen and Amen!" and "Heah the prayahs of sinners!"

At last the fervor died out from exhaustion, though still the kneeling women sobbed and the men groaned. Father Peters had just risen to his feet when he heard a cry outside, a cry that was taken up by the men, women and children. All rushed out to see a black pillar of smoke shooting up from the meeting house. It had been fired by Het Magoone and his friends, who now danced about the burning building and fired off their pistols and howled like so many drunken savages.

CHAPTER II.

"In God's name, Brother Bradley, have patience!"

The war had come to Bradley's Crossing. The little Sabbath meeting house in which the Union men under Father Peters had so often and so fervently prayed for peace was a smoldering ruin. The men who had burned it down were so savagely jubilant over their work as if they had won a great battle against great odds and the Union men were correspondingly despondent.

Strong Dick Bradley and the men who had been converted in the little meeting house were startled at the destruction. They had come to speak of the place as "the house of God," and this meant to them not simply a place for worship, but a structure sanctified by the divine presence and under the divine care, and as such as safe against fire as the hills themselves.

"Why did God let the house burn?" "Why did he permit his people, and particularly so good a man as Father Peters, to be persecuted?" "Why did he not smite hip and thigh the profane wretches who had done this thing?" These were the questions that puzzled the Union men who belonged to the church, and failing to receive a satisfactory answer the most soundly converted felt that he was falling from grace, and that if the Lord did not afford miraculous help at once he must sever the connection, for the time being at least, and try to help himself after the old mountain methods.

A habit supposed to be dead invariably asserts itself with greater force after it is resurrected. This was certainly the case with Strong Dick Bradley, the blacksmith. He had been noted for his profanity among a people where even the children lisp in oaths. He had been famed as a fighter in a community where the ability to fight is regarded as the highest and noblest attribute of manhood, and where the desperado who has killed his man, or men, is envied as the wild Indians envy the warrior who has taken the most scalps.

It was generally believed that the blacksmith's religion, while making him a safer and also a more desirable neighbor, had entirely unmanned him, and that even so arrant a braggart as Het Magoone could safely treat him with contempt and set him at defiance. But Strong Dick Bradley's religion, or at least that part of it that had curbed his tongue and his arm, went up and vanished in the smoke of the meeting house, and for four terrible years both had full swing.

While Bradley's religion had received so severe a check, the effect of this attack was to turn his earnest mission feelings into a blind fanaticism that was to find delight in conflagrations and a soothing comfort in blood. Father Peters, who had just been praying by the blacksmith's side, and now stood holding his arm while they watched the play of the flames destroying the mission, forgot his own danger and his own loss as he noticed the old, black scowl on the face and the deathly light flashing up in the deep gray eyes of Strong Dick Bradley.

"If Jesus Christ won't protect the place we uns hez fixed up enuf fo' him that's his lookout. Hit'll be a d——d long time afoah he hez another so good a show in these hills. But by the Great Eternal! the men ez hez did this'll have to pay the insurance in blood. Hold thar, Het Magoone! God cuss yo' fo' a dog and a coward! I've got somethin to say afoah you uns ride off!"

The last sentence was addressed to Het Magoone, who was now about to mount the horse on which he had come.

The people who had been praying and the people who had been shouting about the fire and Het Magoone himself were startled by the blacksmith's voice and savage Dick Bradley of a few years before had come back. Magoone obeyed the summons, for he knew, as did all his supporters, that the first sign of disobedience would have been the signal for a bullet in his heart.

Het Magoone had forty men there with him. All were armed with rifles and pistols. The very fact that they carried these weapons showed that they were prepared for a fight and expected one. Physically, it is safe to say there was not a downright coward in the lot. Well fed, there was not a man of them, not even the brutal, swaggering Het Magoone, who could not have been held in line against overwhelming numbers till the last one fell in his tracks, and who could not have been carried on in an assault, though certain that not one could return; but at sight of Strong Dick Bradley and at the sound of his voice the strongest trembled and became for the time more obedient than if not so weak as a child.

Ignoring the fact, if indeed he was aware of it, that Father Peters was clinging to his arm, the blacksmith strode right through the crowd about the church until he stood face to face with Het Magoone. The clergyman's daughter, to whom I am indebted for an account of what preceded this and what is to follow, followed her father, fearing for his safety. Although as true and brave a woman as ever lived, and quite as self possessed as if she had spent all her life in the best society, Ella Peters was paralyzed with alarm when she saw the change that had come over the man who hitherto had been more gentle than a girl to her and hers.

"Het Magoono, yo' kem har today to raise h—l! Don't ho, yo' dog, and say yo' didn't! Wa'al, yo've rix hit, and now, by the Great Eternal, I'll send yo' thar!"

The blacksmith raised his arm, and giant though Magoono was, he towered over him. The horse kept the now cowed desperado from retreating, and he did not dare to touch his rifle or one of the many pistols belted to his waist.

At this juncture Father Peters threw himself between the two men. His hat was off and the wind blew his white hair about his bare, thin face. He was the one man who did not fear Strong Dick—mad Dick Bradley.

"In God's name, Brother Bradley! In God's name, have patience! Oh, my prayers and my lessons, my son, have you forgotten them? Wait! wait! Prayers and patience! prayers and patience!" and he threw his thin arms about the raised arm of the giant, and it fell—with a sob.

"I've obeyed yo' too long," groaned the blacksmith, "to break off all a sudden like. But, Father Peters, yo' mot's well have let me did today what I'll be 'bleeged fo' to do tomorrow or next day." Then addressing Magoono:

"Het, way back when me and yo' wuz boys, yor father sneaked up on my father, way down at London, and kilt him: hit was a coward's deed, and I 'lowed when yo' and me growed up I'd have blood for blood; and yo' knowed hit, too, for you kep' outer my way and went to live down Tennessee way. Then Father Peters kim and I got right smart of religion, and yo' felt hit safe to come back and hit wuz safe, so long's the religion lasted.

"But she's gone, gone a-flickerin in that fiah you uns made today. Father Peters staid my ahm today, not on 'count of religion, but coz I love him and I'm agwine to stand by him, and by the Great Eternal! I want you uns fair and meah to know hit. Go yo'r way with yo'r people and make ready. I'll stay back har with my kin and friends, and perpah. And bear in mind, Het Magoone, when we uns meet agin thar'll be blood, and I won't ax God to have marcy on the dead. Now go, d—n yo'!"

The desperado swung into the saddle and then his followers sent up a gasp of relief. Not at all ashamed of their work, but with their feelings against Father Peters somewhat allayed, Magoone and his gang, on foot and on horseback, started into the hills.

Then the old clergymen assembled his friends before the ruin and addressed them. He counseled patience and peace. He implored them to avoid slaughterings and not to talk, even with those they were sure of, on the subject now exciting the land. This done, he called on all to kneel and to join with him in prayer, and all did so excepting the blacksmith, who with folded arms watched the blue smoke pillar rising from the ruin.

"Brother Bradley," said the old clergyman when he had concluded, "will you lead us in prayer?"

Strong in everything he did, the blacksmith during his years of grace had developed a decided talent for prayer. There was a force and a rude eloquence about the man very effective with people of impressionable natures.

"Father Peters," he replied, "I can't pray. Hit don't seem jist the thing fo' me to pray to Jesus Christ when he stands by and sees a lot of cussed rebels burn down the house we uns built fo' him. He had the powah to strike 'em dead like lightnin, but did he do it? Not much. Thar's a heap of coals and ash whar the church was, and thar's that d——d Het Magoone off safe with his gang, whin I should a smashed in his skull like the shell of a bird egg and then flung him into the fire."

Father Peters tried to reason with his friend. He repeated all the wise and trite things about the mysterious ways of Providence, the power of prayer, the necessity of keeping alive the faith, and the certainty that truth would triumph; but while still loving and respecting the noble old man, the blacksmith was in no mood to be comforted by words. In effect he replied in this way, and on the men it was evident that his words had a stronger influence than the prayers and exhortations of Father Peters:

"I've got so that I can spell out a few words in the good book, but my youngest boy's got moah downright larnin, fo' he's readin jography. Still I can think, and I do think right smart, and har's what I've been a thinkin this blessed day. and I say hit without meanin no disrespect fo' Father Peters nor his kin, fo' I love 'em all, God bless 'em.

"But, after long months of waitin and prayin, the wah, ez we uns tried to pray off, hez come to the Cumberland hills, and hit do look powahful like to me 'ez if she'd come fo' a mighty long visit. Wah means fightin and fiah and blood and death: Wah and religion can't nevah go. Yo' can't yoke 'em. One pulls no'th, the other south. One means trustin in God, which is all mighty nice and comfortin in peace, the other means trustin to yo'rself and yo'r rifle, and that's the only thing to do in time of wah. I'll go home from har, and mold bullets in the forge while the lead holds out, and I'll take the good book fo' waddin, to help kill the foes of the Lor', d—n 'em!

"Go to yo'r homes, folks, and think hit ovah. Tell yo'r wives and children, you uns ez ken tote rifles, that you'll be 'bleeged to leave 'em mighty soon, for the chiefs come to be shot down like dogs in these hills or to git together and fight our way to the old flag. The men that fired the meetin house today befoah our eyes, tonight may burn our cabins ovah our heads. If so be they don't do hit, hit won't be coz they don't want to, but coz they're skeert. A man with a rifle will have moah powah to keep 'em low than fifty thousand million meetin houses full of folks a-prayin.

"So that's why I think religion's all right in hits place, and hit may give a powah of comfort to the wimmin when we uns hez to fight out, but ez fo' me, I'm in fo' wah, and I feel that I'll be 'bleeged to give my religion a rest till we decide with our rifles whether a lot of d—d rebels or we Union men is agwine to hev the free run of the hills along the Cumberland. Thar, that's all I have to say, and hit's right smart moah than I 'tended to say when I set out."

Father Peters saw that it would be folly to attempt to change the blacksmith, or to try to hold to his own peaceful views the Union mountaineers that heard him. And then, as his daughter confessed in telling the story, he fully appreciated the force of the blacksmith's reasoning about the war, though the change in the man's religious views had on him a most discouraging effect.

Even the women and children present on this occasion seemed to realize that the war had come to the hills, but they made no outcry, gave no sign of nervousness. If anything, indeed, they appeared to rejoice at the prospect of an excitement that would break in on the dull and brutalizing monotony of their lives.

Promising to keep to themselves and to come together at Bradley's Crossing when the danger became more threatening, the people went sadly to their cabins in the mountains, and that night the children greased patches, the women molded bullets and with the grim stoicism of Indians preparing for the warpath the men made ready their arms.

Father Peters went home with his wife and daughter with the feeling of a man who has tried to do his duty and will not be deterred by failure from continuance. He was at this time over seventy years of age, and although never physically vigorous he was active and his mind was as clear and his hope as strong and his desire to save his fellow men as fervid as when he was forty. He did not come of a race that could be cowed or discouraged. He had the Puritanical temper that is slow to wrath unless this wrath is kindled by the divine spark, when it becomes a devouring fire for the glory of God.

After supper that night the old man said to his wife and daughter:

"I have been praying for the light, and it has come. I see God's hand in this war. His wrath must be quenched in blood. We have given over to our idols as a nation, and he will consume them in the furnaces of war. Brother Bradley is about right, and I shall pray that his lapse from grace may be brief."

For two weeks after this the crowds kept away from the blacksmith's shop, and there appeared to be quiet in the hills, but everyone felt that it was the quiet that preceded the storm. News came that Het Magoone, who had formerly lived in the Tennessee mountains, had gone south with a band of his followers, and some people drew comfort from this, but Bradley would shake his head and say:

"They're a comin. Zollicoffer is raisin a army down thar by the border, and they're a comin." And the blacksmith was right.

In the latter part of November, 1861, the mountaineers of southeastern Kentucky were in a state of great alarm. Rumors of a Confederate invasion along the line of the Cumberland river were rife, and wild and entirely baseless stories of the cruelties perpetrated by Zollicoffer's men at Zollicoffer's order, were firmly believed. Now and then a ragged refugee from farther south found protection and a stoppage place for Bradley; and these men told their stories of suffering and escape, only to increase the horror and indignation of their brethren along the upper Cumberland.

One day a Union man, who lived about fifteen miles south of the Crossing, came running down to the blacksmith's shop with the news that Het Magoone, with a company of men who called him "cap'in," were in Laurel county, and that they were either killing or forcing into their ranks every Union man they met. As Bradley had been expecting this he could not be surprised. In anticipation of just such an occurrence and the better to assemble the Union men within reach, he had caused piles of dry wood to be gathered on the highest hills for miles around, the smoke by day or the flame by night being the signal to the Union men that they must gather at the Crossing.

As soon as the sun had gone down that night Bradley and a few of his friends went up to the peaks and lighted the fires. On his way back he stopped at Father Peters' house and said in his blunt way:

"The time fo' fightin hez come, thank the Lor, for hit can't be no killin than the worryin and waitin. Now git together all the things we ken tote and we'll fetch 'em down to my place. Thar'll be no use in locking up what's left behind of the doggone cusses ez is a-comin har wants to steal 'em. Now let we uns hurry."

Father Peters and his family saw the necessity for action. There was no nervousness on his part, no groans or outcries from the women. They gathered up each a change of clothes and the few little things that are precious because of association rather than for their intrinsic value. The blacksmith prepared a great load of meal and bacon for himself to carry; then the stock were turned out of the inclosure, so that they might be able to find water, if need be, for themselves; the doors were closed but not locked, and then, with the great fires burning on the hills about them, the little party started down to the Crossing.

By ten o'clock that night thirty-one men and half as many women, the latter wives or sweethearts, had assembled in the blacksmith's shop. Those from the farthest points south had seen the Confederates, and there could be no doubt as to their purpose of their destination.

Bradley sent out pickets—"spies" he called them—to give warning of the approach of the enemy, then he started a fire in the forge, fastened a few tallow dips to the black walls, and, having commanded attention, he stood up on the anvil block and shouted:

"Boys, what shall we uns do—retreat fo' the no'th or stand and fight?"

This was followed by a few seconds of a silence so intense that every man could hear the beating of his own heart, and with frightened eyes the women looked from face to face. At length a strong, clear, familiar voice rang out.

"In the name of Great Jehovah we will stand and fight!"

All eyes turned in the direction of the sound, but not to ascertain the speaker. Into the full light of the forge, which a strong arm kept blowing, walked Father Peters with the battle light in his eyes and a rifle in his hand. A moment of awed silence, then the blacksmith shouted:

"For Father Peters, boys! Cheer, d—n you, cheer!"

And they did cheer and swung their hats, and their eyes blazed till it seemed as if there were no further need of the tallow dips or the blue flames of the forge.

"My friends," said Father Peters, "God is watching and not listening now, and so a prayer must be an act. Tonight, perhaps, within the hour, we shall be called on to strike a blow for the Union under the lead of Brother Bradley. Are you all ready to do it?"

"We uns age!" was the response, given as one man.

"And are you ready to swear to this?"

"Yes!" with thrilling emphasis.

The old clergyman drew from his breast a small United States flag that he had carried off among the precious things from his house. He always hung it over the meeting house door on Washington's birthday and Fourth of July, so that the people knew it. Indeed, it was the only flag of the Union a majority of them had ever seen, but its rarity seemed to intensify their devotion to it. Standing in their midst Father Peters called on every man who was willing to swear allegiance to the Union to uncover his head and take hold of a margin of the flag with his right hand. This was promptly done by every man in the smithy.

"Now, my friends, I want each man to repeat his name aloud when I repeat mine and to say my words after me. Are you ready?"

A hoarse, solemn "Yes" was the response.

"I, Robert Peters," every man shouted his name and raised his face to the black rafters of the smithy, "in the presence of Almighty God, do invoke his aid and pray that he may set against my name in the eternal records this, the solemn oath which I herein take of my own free will and accord: That I from this time on devote my best efforts and strength, and if need be my life, to the maintenance of the Union of my fathers. That by night and by day, early and late, in summer's sun and winter's snow, I will work for the restoration of the seceded states to the Union, and consider suffering and privation a pleasure in this effort. Goods and lands, hands and life I solemnly devote to this holy purpose; and if called on to battle I will battle as did the children of God of old, till the flag of our fathers, of ourselves and of our children floats again in glory over every foot of our land. So help me, God, and give me strength to keep this, my most solemn oath and obligation."

And this oath in that blacksmith's shop that night was the origin of the mighty Union League which soon after numbered its secret adherents by the millions.

A few words and signs, to enable Union men to tell each other at night as well as in the daytime, were agreed on. Then the old clergyman asked if they would unite with him in prayer. Every man, including strong Dick Bradley, knelt down in the cinders and ashes, and even the man working the bellows knelt, though he did not cease his efforts.

And as Father Peters prayed shots were heard up the hill. This was followed by cries of alarm, and with white faces the pickets came running in, shouting as they ran:

"Het Magoone! Het Magoone and the gang!"

The men extinguished the lights in the smithy, seized their rifles and rushed out. The beacon fires had died out along the hills, but to the south there could be seen a newer fire. It came from the direction of the clergyman's house. A few minutes of watching and all doubts were at rest, for the flames broke through the roof, and the humble home where Father Peters hoped to end his days was in flames.

CHAPTER III.

"We are quite ready for that," said the old clergyman.

With this sketch my reminiscences of the southern mountaineers will end, at least for the present, not because I have exhausted my material, but because I do not wish to test the patience of my readers, who have been kind enough to indorse the accuracy of my pictures and reports.

The gang under Het Magoone, who set fire to Father Peters' house and outbuildings, were more prudent than valorous, for while they well knew that they outnumbered three to one the Union men gathered at Bradley's Crossing, they did not care to risk a fight with the little force under the lead of the blacksmith.

During the years that strong Dick Bradley had "counted himself a Christian," and spoken in meeting of himself as "a brand snatched from the burning," and "the chief of sinners," because of his past, he found his surest trials in his constant effort to subdue to the spirit the combative yearnings of the flesh. When, through the teaching of Mrs. Peters and Ella, he had learned to spell his way through a chapter in the Bible, he found his greatest delight in the records of Joshua's battles with the Canaanites, or the story that told how the shepherd boy, David, left his flocks on the hills to meet the champion of the Philistines, and subsequently rose by his skill and valor to be the king of a great nation. He liked to read of how Christ made a whip and drove the money changers from the temple far more than he did to ponder over the Sermon on the Mount.

"He would often say to me," said Miss Peters in telling the story of this remarkable man, "I reckon the Bible's all right Ella, and hit ain't fo' a pore, misable sinner like me to hanker to make any changes in hit. I'll allow hit couldn't be improved fo' them ez lives in cities whar thar's lots of churches and schools, and them things, and whar folks isn't bleaged to tote alums, but that's some parts of it that sticks in my 'craw and goes plum agin the grain of my natur'."

On being asked what parts those were, he said:

"Wall, thar's that one that sez: 'Whoever smites yo' on the right cheek turn the other, so's he kin get a whack at that.' Now, sense I've been a Christian, I've put up with right smart of smites from a doggone lot of curs that took advantage of my bein kinder helpless, fo' that's jest what religin does fo' a man in these mountains; but I don't think, ef I was to go to helk fo' hit, that I could bring myself to inviton a feller to smote me on the left cheek after he'd knocked me on the right. I draw the line at one cheek. Ef any feller tried it on two, I'd forgit my religin and he'd have cox fo' to grieve.

"Then there's that p'int 'bout lovin one's enemies. I've allus thought ez how that must have slipped into the good book by mistake, for hit ain't natr'al. I'll allow Father Peters must do hit, fo' he's so chuck full of religin he ain't got no room fo' nothin else; but pore sinners like me must go on a-gettin a heap of solid comfort from not lovin their enemies, but a-hatin 'em like blazes."

But after that night in the blacksmith's shop Strong Dick Bradley's views as to the benevolence inculcated by religion underwent a radical change. He saw that when the hour for a brave resistance came Father Peters did not "fall back on prayer fo' his defense," but was willing to fight and ready to lead. That one act on the part of the old missionary did more to endear him to those rude mountaineers than the preaching and self denial of the ten years that preceded it.

The raiders who had come up from the Tennessee line under the lead of Het Magoone contented themselves with burning all the vacant cabins they could find, taking it for granted that they were the property of Union men. At Bradley's Crossing the number of refugees increased every day, principally mountaineers who had come up from Tennessee or from the lower border counties of Kentucky. These men were all armed with old fashioned hunting rifles, and they were not only willing to face south and fight, but they were eager for it, for each man had some personal revenge which he was more eager to avenge than he was to carry back the old flag to the hills.

All these men brought famished appetites, but no provisions.

A few days after Magoone's raid it became evident that in another week, if nothing were done, they would be called on to face a more relentless foe than the Confederates under Zollicoffer and Crittenden, and that was famine. While every man at the Crossing understood that if he had to fight it would be under the lead of Strong Dick Bradley, all, including the blacksmith, looked up to Father Peters as the man on whom they must depend for counsel, and as the Moses who was to lead the inevitable exodus from the mountains to that promised land where there were strong hands and keen bayonets to defend the old flag.

After carefully talking over the situation together, the preacher and the blacksmith assembled their friends in the smithy, and the former mounted the anvil block and, after the customary prayer, delivered himself after this manner:

"My friends, winter is on us. Our enemy, the rebels, swarm in the hills, and of the reports that come to us be true, and I believe that they are, a few more days will see us at the mercy of such minions of Zollicoffer as this Het Magoone. There are no doubt many honest and Christian, but mistaken, men in the secession army, but I do not think it would be prudent to assume that these are the kind of people who will be sent to Bradley's Crossing.

"Many of you have brought your wives and children here, and while this is natural I must believe it imprudent. If these had remained at home, or will return home now; or, if their homes are destroyed, will seek a haven among their friends in the mountains, the men will be freer to act. Brother Bradley and I have prayerfully talked over the situation, and we have come to the conclusion that every day we spend here is a day lost to the cause, while our little stock of provisions is being reduced. We have therefore decided to start for Camp Dick Robinson tonight. Once there, those whose arms can be regularly enrolled and mustered into the service of the Union, while if we fight here we are apt to be regarded as guerrillas and for the present, at least, the government will be powerless to protect us.

"While my mission among you has been one of peace, and I have passed the age when I might be of much use even if I were skilled in the ways of war, yet, with God's help, I can and I will fight if we are not permitted to reach the Union lines in peace.

"I will say to my good sisters and to the children who must remain behind, as their coming with us would hamper the march, that it will not be long before the troops of the Union swarm in these mountains as the Confederates do now, and that their coming will insure protection to all. We must move with secrecy and rapidity, for there are spies all about us. And now I ask those who are willing to follow the lead of Brother Bradley to Camp Dick Robinson to take their stand at the back part of the smithy."

It was as Father Peters expected; every man at the Crossing and every boy who could shoulder a rifle, and these mountaineers learn to shoot when very young, crowded to the back part of the building.

This meeting was held the day after Christmas, 1861, and about the middle of the afternoon. In order to keep their movements secret it was decided to start north soon after dark that night. As Father Peters was even more hated than the blacksmith, and his wife and daughter would have been homeless and helpless if left behind, an exception was made in their case, it being the old clergyman's intention to take them back to the old home in the western reserve of northern Ohio as soon as they reached the Union lines.

There was little preparation to make. Two of the blacksmith's horses were set apart for Mrs. Peters and her daughter to ride on. The forty men in the party were to carry their rations and ammunition, the former being necessarily light, first, because the supplies at the Crossing were limited, and in the next place because it was believed that Camp Dick Robinson, seventy-five miles to the northwest, could be reached in five days.

In order to keep up the impression that there were still men at the Crossing ready to resist an attack, it was arranged that the women should light the beacons on the hills as soon as Dick Bradley gave the order to march. This was done so promptly that for hours the fugitives could see the coppery glow of the fires on the clouds to the south, and this strengthened the hope that there would be no pursuit.

Although at the last the roads in this region were wretched, and now almost impassable, it was to their advantage that the Cumberland river was at their back and no formidable stream in front.

"How we moved in the right direction that night must ever remain to me a mystery," says Miss Peters. "Before we had been on the way an hour we were all as wet as if we had been soaked in a pond, and mother and I, being comparatively inactive, were chilled to the bone. I did not fear, because I did not care for myself. I would picture father walking ahead with that giant, Bradley, through the darkness and mire, and I could not but picture the one so powerful and fierce and the other so weak and mild, yet with a spirit as dauntless as the bravest.

"We had no means of telling the time, but though I tried to reason with myself that minutes must seem drawn into hours under such circumstances, yet I came to feel that the sun would never rise again. It was about two o'clock in the morning that we came to a halt.

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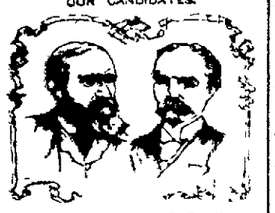

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BLAINE COUNSELS HARMONY

Boston Evening Record Aug 10

To the Republicans of the Country

The resolution energy and patriotic spirit which marked the proceedings of the convention at Minneapolis will be enlisted against the common foe with the ex ception in Wisconsin

All minor differences should be assigned to the duty of every Republican to the all in his power to elect the entire ticket nominated by the national Republican convention

JAMES G. BLAINE.

I know of no higher honor in the world than to be called counsel to by the survivors of those who saved the Union. *Benj. Harrison.*

Messrs Mellis of Bradford, F W Brownell of this place and C. D. Lay mon of Port Allegany have been declared judicial conferees by Mr M Clure but as yet they are unable to find any one to confer with

The Democratic papers are jubilating about a few less than 5 cents of the 30 000 Democratic majority in Alabama since that majority has dwindled to the neighborhood of 15 but they have ceased reference to the subject.

The Evangelist considers it recommended lawyer J D Hancock for the Congressional nomination in this district Mr Hancock is a Free Trader of the most radical type and his nomination by the latest convention would be eminently proper He is just the type of a Democrat for Mr Stone to lay out by and lose his first majority

Ex Park Commissioner Daniel M Somers of Brooklyn has announced from the Democratic General Committee and declared that he will not support Cleveland so long as he cannot believe the free trade plank of the Democratic platform is one of the leading manufacturers of the country. Since the adoption of the McKinley bill Somers Brothers of which Mr Somers is a member have put up an immense tin factory in Brooklyn.

Who will they come from? Palmer and Riley Champion Democratic Democrats, last week resigned from the Cortland Democratic Club and announced themselves for Harrison In a letter of explanation Mr Palmer says, that Mr Cleveland's letter on the Force bill which is now to be seen in a reasonably version of the truth and he has been relentlessly denounced by Mr Cleveland's own friends of his treachery and his dishonesty and insincerity on the question of the tariff.

That patent medicine known as the People's Party is said to be wonderful in its effects. It is a remedy for every thing, but especially against poverty ignorance chiefly of farming laziness, lawlessness, negligence, debt, accidents, poor crops &c. All that is required of us to pay for this patent medicine by a vote on the day of election and all troubles in the world now, even family troubles, are swept away What Hostetter's Bitters &c are to the human body the People's party is to the body social. *The National Economist, of Chicago.*

The *Last Issue* a Swedish paper published in Jamestown N Y very truly says If Cleveland is to be our next President, and if the Democrats are to be in the majority in both houses of Congress it follows as a matter of course that the McKinley law will be repealed as soon as practicable A thorough revolution will take place in the business world The employers will hardly dare to continue in their business until a new tariff law is enacted so that the factories will cease to run, and after a while they will be closed for a good. Workingmen out of employment and destitute homes will be the fate of the laboring class.

REBELLION IN POLITICS.

Surprising things were shown at the recent Alabama election The Alliance or bolting wing of the Democratic party, allied by the Republicans, carried most of the *white* counties of the State, thirty odd in number, while the Bourbon wing aided by the purchasable part of the negro element in the cities carried all of the black counties with three or four exceptions The Bourbons raised the issue of the Force Bill in order to hold Democrats to their party allegiance and at the same time marched in line with black men such as they could have to the polls, and voted with by for Jones The Alliance men have secured the negroes even at the cost of Alliance blood of the right to vote and be counted and we have no doubt that they carried even the black counties It does not take much of an enough into the more recent South even to the slightest know that the negroes who are commonly paraded the ticket of the straight Democrats do not vote but in cases for the front is smeared the like a belt A few do but the many were counted out and we believe that if the truth were known the Alliance candidate carried nearly every county in the State If the latter and the count was fair then the Democrats has evoluted an Ass but the black man and both are honest rather than ever be Cleveland One of these two things must be true We have not full faith in such an Ass as a Constitutional conventionalist as politics We can see how all of the poor whites represented by the Alliance and the Republicans will be glad to get the Bourbons for that is a part of it and but we can not see how the Democrats of these states in the South should be overjoyed and content with it Light is and the most intolerable Democracy has ever will Intolerable is usually confused with honesty and then these singular contradictions may be explained

Wilkes Barre Record.

A FRIEND'S OUTLINE OF NEWS

The venerable Luther Sylvester Mc Lain of Tioga gives a enthusiastic to his support of Harrison and Reid A few days such words are renewed by a Democratic paper and he said

Put me down as an unreconstructed Republican Harrison was the best nomination that the Republican party could have made After Mr Blaine he stands the representative man in ability to appeal to and fully upon all the questions of the day I went home organized for my county and then to my district in person and I tell you there is unbounded enthusiasm for Harrison and Reid Receiving a message from Mr Harrison to return thanking me for my nomination and the selection of Grover Cleveland brings the issue of a new important past to before the American people tariff or no tariff.

Speaking of the Federal Elections Bill the said I do not understand the excuse on the way the Democrats pervert it I approached it to most fair play to the voters in the South that is not will be counted and that is all will be accounted in the election I have I believe any party would come at without or party parties ends If a Democrat or Republican ticket is cast by the United It will allow that to be set at naught in any section of the country and the sacredness of the ballot destroyed, it will spread and overturn the republic itself because the only safety of the nation is in honest vote of every citizen and an honest count from those who have the responsible office of counting the ballots It is a false presentment of the matter and should not enter into the controversy at this present heated election

STATE POLITICAL NOTES

The Chatauqua county Republican state convention on Tuesday last renominated Hon A T Hepburn for the congressional district

Congressman Mc Kinley of the Ninth Ohio District which is sweeping renominated on first ballot Has Democratic friends that he will support if the party he leaves fear to run again

In the Crawford Pa congressional District the Democrats propose to support J C Sibley the Prohibitionist candidate They also have decided I A Farmer the People's party candidate to withdraw in favor of Sibley

The Republicans of the Eighteenth Congressional District will meet in Lewistown on August 9th to nominate a candidate Since the last conference was held the basis of representation has been fixed on the number of Republican and votes poll in each county which is the only basis Under this Franklin will have 3 conferees Fulton one Huntingdon two Juniata 1 Mifflin 1 Snyder 1 and Union 1

The Erie County Democratic Convention met on the 4 inst and elected Assembly Lieut Governor W W Brown and H D Russel and D B Hitchcock already nominated by the Peoples Party Senator C L Rogers Congressman W A Andrews State Director John Fuller J S Ruhig were elected County Chairman The convention declared in favor of Governor Robert E Pattison for United States Senator

The Republican Convention of Dauphin County held on Tuesday of this week was a hot affair Congressman Kelly and Colonel Harrison Allen were candidates for the congressional nomination and the fight was very bitter Kelly was defeated by a vote of 55 to 51 Allen was then nominated by acclamation

The Democratic Convention of Lancaster District which met yesterday renominated Hon Daniel Ermentrout by acclamation on the first ballot This Democratic district is the one that has been represented by Thaddeus Stevens and Thomas E Franklin and is considered safe Democratic territory

The Democratic Congressional Convention of the Lycoming Clinton Sullivan district met at Williamsport on Tuesday and renominated Hon Wm Mutchler by acclamation

The Democrats of the Twenty-first Congressional District met in convention at Pittsburgh on Tuesday and renominated Hon Thomas M Bayne by acclamation

The Democrats of the Twenty-second Congressional District met in convention at Allegheny on Tuesday and renominated Hon Joseph McDonald by acclamation

The Democrats of the Twenty-third Congressional District met in convention at Uniontown on Tuesday and renominated Hon Thomas S Crago by acclamation

The Democrats of the Twenty-fourth Congressional District met in convention at Waynesburg on Tuesday and renominated Hon John Dalzell by acclamation

The Democrats of the Twenty-fifth Congressional District met in convention at Butler on Tuesday and renominated Hon Marriott Brosius by acclamation

The Democrats of the Twenty-sixth Congressional District met in convention at Kittanning on Tuesday and renominated Hon Alexander McCandless by acclamation

The Democrats of the Twenty-seventh Congressional District met in convention at Indiana on Tuesday and renominated Hon Samuel A McCullough by acclamation

The Democrats of the Twenty-eighth Congressional District met in convention at Greensburg on Tuesday and renominated Hon Thomas M Marshall by acclamation

The Democrats of the Twenty-ninth Congressional District met in convention at Erie on Tuesday and renominated Hon Thomas Lynch by acclamation

The Democrats of the Thirtieth Congressional District met in convention at Meadville on Tuesday and renominated Hon Jerry Robinson by acclamation

The Democrats of the Thirty-first Congressional District met in convention at Franklin on Tuesday and renominated Hon Thomas H Dickey by acclamation

The Democrats of the Thirty-second Congressional District met in convention at Ridgway on Tuesday and renominated Hon Daniel Kaine by acclamation

The Democrats of the Thirty-third Congressional District met in convention at Bellefonte on Tuesday and renominated Hon Thomas J Bigham by acclamation

The Democrats of the Thirty-fourth Congressional District met in convention at Lock Haven on Tuesday and renominated Hon Wm Mutchler by acclamation

The Democrats of the Thirty-fifth Congressional District met in convention at Lewisburg on Tuesday and renominated Hon Wm Lilly by acclamation

The Democrats of the Thirty-sixth Congressional District met in convention at Harrisburg on Tuesday and renominated Hon Alexander Billmeyer by acclamation

The Democrats of the Thirty-seventh Congressional District met in convention at Lancaster on Tuesday and renominated Hon Daniel Ermentrout by acclamation

The Democrats of the Thirty-eighth Congressional District met in convention at Reading on Tuesday and renominated Hon Daniel Hottenstein by acclamation

The Democrats of the Thirty-ninth Congressional District met in convention at Allentown on Tuesday and renominated Hon Alvah A Clymer by acclamation

The Democrats of the Fortieth Congressional District met in convention at Bethlehem on Tuesday and renominated Hon Charles N Brumm by acclamation

The Democrats of the Forty-first Congressional District met in convention at Easton on Tuesday and renominated Hon Alfred C Harmer by acclamation

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Smethport, Pa., Aug. 12, 1892.

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County Committee Meeting.

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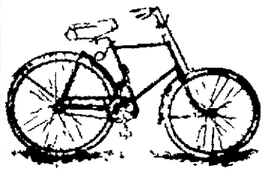

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whether in a valley or on a hill, in a forest or a clearing, I could not tell. My father came back to me as clearly as ever, though I knew from my own condition how he must have felt. He told us that there was a vacant cabin at hand, and that finally thought it would be well to halt before full daylight.

Mother and I were so pale and stiff when we were lifted from our horses that we would have fallen had not the men held us up.

We were led into the cabin, and I supposed everything was all wet that it would be folly to think of a fire, and the possible to start one; but in this I was mistaken. While mother and I sat on the saddles that had been spread in the [illegible] furnish us with [illegible] and [illegible] and tearing [illegible] bark from the [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and which [illegible] part [illegible] was [illegible] The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]